Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Previously Presented)   A method for broadcasting content data from a broadcaster to a plurality of clients, the method comprising the steps of:

the broadcaster transmitting the content data simultaneously to the plurality of clients via an unreliable downlink-only communications pathway;

bi-directionally coupling the plurality of clients, each to a proxy server to initiate post-processing transactions, the broadcaster communicating with the proxy server to provide sufficient information to handle any of the post-processing transactions requested by any one of the plurality of clients;

determining, by the plurality of clients, a plurality of available proxy servers that may be contacted for post-processing after the content data broadcast, wherein the plurality of clients is different from the plurality of proxy servers;

randomly selecting, by each of the plurality of clients, one of the plurality of available proxy servers to contact for post-processing after the content data broadcast; and

contacting, by the plurality of clients, each of the selected proxy servers to initiate post-processing.

2.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

determining, by the plurality of clients, contact intervals for each of the available proxy servers specifying the time period in which the proxy servers may be contacted after the broadcast;

randomly selecting, by the client, a delay time within the contact interval for contacting the selected proxy server; and

wherein the selected proxy server is contacted to initiate post-processing at the delay time.

3.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of sending, by the plurality of clients to the contacted proxy server, information pertaining to content data that has or has not been correctly received.

4.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of sending, by the contacted proxy server to the plurality of clients, information to reconstruct the content data.

5.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of sending, by the plurality of clients to the contacted proxy server, a notification that the content data was either successfully or unsuccessfully received or reconstructed.

6.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of obtaining, by the plurality of clients from a digital rights manager, at least one of permission and rights objects to access the content data.

7.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of sending, by the plurality of clients to the contacted proxy server, data pertaining to one or more responses by the plurality of clients to prompts within the content data.

8.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 7, wherein the prompts relate to voting or the purchase of an object or service.

9.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of sending, by the plurality of clients to the contacted proxy server, a request to obtain additional content data.

10.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 9, wherein the further content data is identified by a URL within the broadcasted content data.

11.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing, by the broadcaster to each of the proxy servers, at least a portion of the content data.

12.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, wherein information associated with available proxy servers is embedded in the broadcasted content data as side information.

13.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 2, wherein information associated with the contact intervals for each availably proxy server is embedded in the broadcasted content data as side information.

14.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of determining one or more proxy servers prior to the random selection based on an attribute of the plurality of clients.

15.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, wherein the method is performed in a multicast scenario.

16.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of adjusting the number of availably proxy servers for subsequent broadcasts based on the number of post-processing transactions.

17. - 21.   (Canceled)

22.   (Previously Presented)   A broadcaster for broadcasting content data to a plurality of clients, the broadcaster comprising:
    a content data acquisition unit for acquiring content data for broadcast;

a determination unit for determining which of a plurality of proxy servers may be contacted by the plurality of clients for post-processing wherein the plurality of clients is different from the plurality of proxy servers;

a broadcast unit for broadcasting the content data to the plurality of clients along with a list specifying the proxy servers that may be contacted for post processing to permit the plurality of clients to randomly select a proxy server for post-processing, wherein the broadcast unit is adapted for

simultaneously transmitting the content data to the plurality of clients via an unreliable downlink-only communications pathway; and

communicating with the proxy server to provide sufficient information to handle any of the post-processing transactions requested by any one of the plurality of clients; and

means for bi-directionally coupling any one of the plurality of clients to a proxy server to initiate post-processing transactions.

23.   (Previously Presented)   The broadcaster of claim 22, wherein the determination unit further determines contact intervals for each of the available proxy servers specifying the time period in which the proxy servers may be contacted after the broadcast; and

wherein the broadcast unit further broadcasts the contact intervals for each of the available proxy servers to permit the plurality of clients to randomly select a delay time within the contact interval in which to contact to selected proxy server for post-processing.

24.   (Previously Presented)   The broadcaster of claim 22, wherein said determination unit further determines one or more post-processing transactions that may be initiated by the plurality of clients.

25.   (Previously Presented)   A system comprising:

at least one broadcaster for broadcasting content data and post- processing instructions;

a plurality of clients for receiving the broadcast content data;

a plurality of proxy servers for processing requests from the plurality of clients after the content data is broadcast, wherein the plurality of clients is different from the plurality of proxy servers;

wherein the post-processing instructions identify available proxy servers; and

wherein the plurality of clients randomly select and contact one of the available proxy servers for post- processing.

26.   (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 25, wherein each of the plurality of clients comprises;

a reception unit for receiving broadcasted content data from the broadcaster;

a determination unit for determining the plurality of available proxy servers that may be contacted for post-processing after the content data broadcast, wherein the available proxy servers are different from the plurality of clients;

a first random selection unit for randomly selecting one of the available proxy servers to contact for post processing after the content data broadcast; and

a contact unit for contacting the selected proxy server to initiate post processing.

27.   (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 26, wherein

the determination unit further determines a contact unit for each of the available proxy servers specifying the time period in which the proxy servers may be contacted after the broadcast, the contact unit for contacting the selected proxy server contacts the selected proxy server to initiate post-processing at the specified time period and

a second random selection unit for randomly selecting the delay time within a contact interval for contacting the selected proxy server.

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